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TWO SENTENCED FOR ROLES IN METHAMPHETAMINE CONSPIRACY

Randy G. Massey, Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that on April 28, 2006, **TERENCE R. LAUGHHUNN**, age 26, of Richview, Illinois, and **REBECCA S. RILEY**, age 26 of McLeansboro, Illinois, were sentenced in the United States District Court in Benton, Illinois. LAUGHHUNN was sentenced to 240 months imprisonment (20 years), was fined \$750, and was placed on 10 years supervised release. RILEY was sentenced to 240 months imprisonment (20 years), was fined \$875, and was placed on 10 years supervised release.

Both defendants had previously pleaded guilty to a one count Indictment returned by a Federal Grand Jury sitting in Benton, Illinois, charging conspiracy to manufacture and distribute methamphetamine.

The investigation in this case was a cooperative effort between the Joint Narcotics Unit of the Mt. Vernon Police Department and the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, the Drug Enforcement Administration, and other federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies pursuant to their participation in the Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative. In addition, the Jefferson County States Attorney's Office has assisted throughout the investigation.

Project Safe Neighborhoods is a joint and cooperative effort of the United States Attorney's Office, the Jefferson County State's Attorney's Office, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, and Illinois State Police directed at removing guns and drugs from our communities.

These defendants were prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney George Norwood.